

II. REMARKS

The Examiner is requested to reconsider the Application.

The Examiner contends that deleting the term bidder from the preamble may raise new issues. In order to advance prosecution, Applicant has made the Amendment. Applicant looks for the Examiner's elaboration of any new issue so that the matter can be handled expeditiously in an Appeal, if necessary.

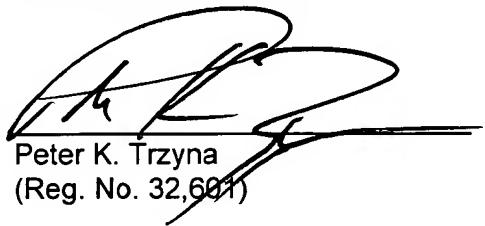
III. **Conclusion**

The application, as amended, is believed to be in condition for allowance or appeal, more so for declaration of an Interference, and favorable action is requested. It is believed that no new matter has been added.

APPLICANT CLAIMS SMALL ENTITY STATUS. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with the above-identified patent application or credit any overcharges to Deposit Account No. 50-0235. Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned at the address given below.

If the prosecution of this case can be advanced in any way by a telephone discussion, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (312) 240-0824.

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